

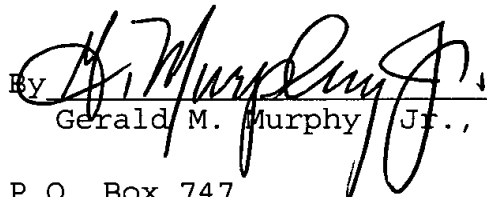


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Applicant: Atsushi YATAGAI et al.

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Appl. No.: 09/787,793

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Examiner: David NAFF

For: DENITRIFYING COMPOSITION FOR REMOVING NITRATE  
NITROGEN AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

November 1, 2002

Sir:

The following Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Amend claims 1-9 to read:

1. (amended) A denitrifying composition for microbially removing nitrate nitrogen from water, said composition comprising particles of calcium carbonate dispersed in sulfur.

2. (amended) The denitrifying composition as described in claim 1 wherein particles of calcium carbonate and particles of a substance possessing cation exchange capacity are dispersed in sulfur.